REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 14, 17, 18, 23-26, 28-33 to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding Applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo*.

I.   Pro Se Applicant Request For Constructive Assistance

If, for any reason the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, pro se applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP §707.07(j) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without need for further proceedings.

II.   Rejection of Claims 14-17, 23-25, 26, 28-30, and 33 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Belfiore

Claims 14-17, 23-25, 26, 28-30, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Belfiore, et al. U.S. Patent 6,009,459. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 14 is similar in rationale to Claim 26 and Claim 33 for the purposes of this response. Examiner references Belfiore (col. 6, lines 61-66; Fig. 10B and 11B) with respect to the first recited step of Claim 14, "one of a receiving and generating a first URI corresponding to an accessible first network resource including a first content" and references Belfiore (col. 2, lines 16-21) with respect to the second recited step of Claim 14, "one of a parsing at least one URI component from said first URI and receiving at least a portion of said first content".

Belfiore (col. 2, lines 16-21, A heuristic analysis is employed to determine when text entered by the user is presented in the format of a valid identifier such as a URL. When the entered text is determined to not have a valid URL format, the text may be placed in a template to identify/determine the meaning of the entered text.) does not reference, in the second recited step, "receiving at least a portion of said first content" but instead *only references "one of a parsing at least one URI component from said first URI" under the restriction when it is determined that input does not have a valid URL*.

However, "a first URI corresponding to an accessible first network resource" in the first recited step of Claim 14, *must be a valid URI because the first network resource is accessible. The fact is*

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that when a network resource is accessible from a valid URL, there is no problem for Belfiore to solve and no longer any need for the teachings of Belfiore.

Accordingly, in order to avoid any ambiguity the first recited step of Claim 14 and Claim 26 have been amended to read "receiving a resource location request including a valid first Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) capable of accessing a first network resource including a first content".

Even when Belfiore (col. 6, lines 61-66; Fig. 10B and 11B) does generate a valid URL, the first recited step of valid URI generation is performed by Belfiore *only after* the second recited step of determining that input is not a valid URL (col. 2, lines 16-21) or *only after* a network resource can not be accessed from a valid URL. For the sake of argument, *even if Applicant performed steps in the same order as Belfiore, function of the invention would change and teachings of Applicant would be lost.*

Simply put, the teachings of Belfiore comes to an end when a valid URL is generated to successfully access a network resource after detecting an invalid URL or that a network resource can not be accessed from a valid URL, the *teachings of Applicant only really first begins when a network resource can be accessed from a valid URI.* Applicant teaches how additional information relating to search requests or domain name registration requests can be presented upon *successfully accessing a network resource from a valid identifier.*

Examiner references Belfiore (col. 4, lines 1-7 and lines 30-40) with respect to the third recited step of Claim 14; "one of a selecting and generating a second content wherein said second content is accessible from a second network resource corresponding to a second URI, said second content corresponding to one of a at least one URI component of said first URI and at least a portion of said first content, said second content including one of a at least one domain name determined to be available for registration and one or more keywords and search terms that can be used to assist the requestor with performing an internet search engine request". The problem here is that the reference (col. 4, lines 1-7 and lines 30-40) are effectively the same teachings as the earlier discussed references, (col. 6, lines 61-66; Fig. 10B and 11B) and (col. 2, lines 16-21), which are already directed to the first URI. This reference is misapplied because the same teaching regarding the first URI is imposed upon the second URI.

Furthermore, there is no teaching or suggestion anywhere in Belfiore with respect to determining whether a domain name is available for registration. In fact, in a related patent application by Applicant, now U.S. Patent 6,338,082, Applicant shows how Belfiore fails to teach domain name registration in any capacity whatsoever.

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Additionally, dependent Claims 15-25, inclusive, incorporate all the subject matter of Claim 14 and add additional subject matter, which makes them, a fortiori, independently patentable over Belfiore. Similarly, under the same rationale, dependent Claims 27-31, inclusive, incorporate all the subject matter of Claim 26 and add additional subject matter, which makes them, a fortiori, independently patentable over Belfiore.

III. Final Office Action: Entry of Amendments - No New Search

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested since they remove issues in the event of an appeal, do not require further searching, and/or place the subject application in condition for allowance.
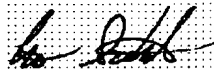
IV. Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Applicant has carefully reviewed the references cited but not applied. Applicant respectfully submits that none of those references, alone or in any combination, remedy the deficiencies of the applied art, nor teach or suggest the claimed invention alone or in any combination.

V. Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, the present application and pending claims 14-33, as amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 14-33, inclusive.

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Should the Examiner believe that telephone correspondence would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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